

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2005 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 124 fires reported. No new large fires were reported. Three large fires were contained, one in the Northwest Area, and two in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 8/29 for Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. Two Area Command Teams are assigned (Williams-Rhodes and Ribar). Williams-Rhodes' Team is providing Incident Management Team coordination for FEMA Region IV at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA for Hurricane Katrina Support. Ribar's Team is assigned to the Louisiana Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge, LA. The Team is coordinating activities of the Incident Management Teams in FEMA Region VI. Numerous resources are being mobilized as part of the relief effort.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HURRICANE KATRINA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Function #4 is staffed at the Regional Response Coordination Centers in Atlanta, GA and Denton, TX. Eight Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Custer, Quesinberry, Pincha-Tulley, Gelobter, Cable, Molumby, Wilcock and Anderson) are assigned. Custer's Team is managing an evacuation center and base camp, providing services to military, state, local and federal agencies at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in Kenner, LA. Quesinberry's Team is managing receiving and distribution operations for FEMA at the Meridian Naval Air Station in MS. Night operations are being scaled back. Pincha-Tulley's Team is managing several camps and supporting the receiving and distribution of relief supplies at Stennis Space Center in MS. Gelobter's Team is managing a base camp at Gautier, MS. Cable's team is establishing and supporting several satellite camps in New Orleans and southern Louisiana. Molumby's Team is engaged in constructing and managing a base camp in support of the Disaster Mortuary Operation Response Team at St. Gabriel, LA. A transfer of command to a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Paul) will occur 9/13. Wilcock's Team has established an ICP in Selma, AL and is managing FEMA mobile trailer staging areas. Anderson's Team will stage in Baton Rouge, LA.

Nine Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Mullenix, Smith, Thomas, Philbin, Stanford, Hildreth, Whalen, Sinclear and Paul) are assigned. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gormley) has been ordered. Mullenix's Team is managing relief centers at San Antonio, TX. More than 4,500 evacuees remain at the evacuation centers. Smith's Team is managing a base camp at Camp Shelby, MS. Thomas' Team is managing a base camp and supporting military and civilian operations at the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Gulfport, MS. Philbin's Team is managing an evacuee center in Phoenix, AZ. Stanford's Texas State Incident Management Team is managing the Hammond Receiving and Distribution Center at Hammond, LA. Hildreth's North Carolina State Incident Management Team has consolidated its mobile base camp at Shrine Brookley Field in Mobile, AL with Gelobter's operation in Gautier, MS. Paul's

Team is managing a base camp and providing support to out of state and foreign firefighters and search and rescue personnel at Baton Rouge, LA. Two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Whalen and Sinclear) are in Jackson, MS to clear roadways and support National Forest recovery operations in Mississippi.

Five Logistics Management Teams (Prevey, Humphrey, Lineback, Jenkins and Floyd) have been mobilized; two to Meridian, MS, and one each to Camp Beauregard, LA, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL, and Barksdale Air Force Base, LA. National Park Service All Risk Teams have been assigned to various areas to assist with hurricane recovery. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service team is engaged in road clearing, community assistance, and supporting search and rescue work in LaCombe, LA.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

VALLEY ROAD, Sawtooth National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. This fire started on private land seven miles south and east of Stanley, ID in timber. Residences, commercial property, a work center, wildlife habitat, campgrounds and recreation areas remain threatened. Area closures remain in effect. Cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity reduced fire activity to smoldering and creeping.

FRANK CHURCH, Payette National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Reinarz) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, comprised of the Bear Creek, Root Creek, West Fork/Joe, Missouri Ridge and several other fires is 50 miles northeast of McCall, ID in timber. The fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Structure protection for historic sites remains in place. Remote location and difficult access continue to impede operations. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

BIG DRY CANYON COMPLEX, Caribou-Targhee National Forest. A transfer of command from the Fire Use Management Team (Cones) back to local unit will occur today. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the Big Dry Canyon, Powder and Powder Peak fires, is 10 miles east of Swan Valley, ID. This complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Minimal fire behavior was observed. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
VALLEY ROAD	ID	STF	40,786	55	9/25	692	21	7	8	3	4.3M	PRI
FRANK CHURCH – WFU	ID	PAF	44,312	N/A	N/A	38	0	0	0	0	2.2M	FS
BIG DRY CANYON – WFU	ID	CTF	2,071	N/A	N/A	21	0	0	1	0	91K	FS
FORT HALL COMPLEX	ID	FHA	19,008	100	---	562	16	23	6	1	3.2M	BIA
LOTT	UT	SLD	309	100	---	106	1	4	4	0	240K	BLM

FHA – Fort Hall Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

SLD - Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HEARTLAND, Lewistown Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 45 miles southeast of Malta, MT in grass, shrubs and timber. One residence and wildlife habitat are threatened. Area evacuation is in place. Active fire behavior with torching, crowning, and spotting was reported.

NYQUIL, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land 48 miles northwest of Jordan, MT in juniper and grass. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

THUNDER MOUNTAIN, Lewis and Clark National Forest. This fire is six miles southwest of Monarch, MT in timber litter and understory. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

SIGNAL ROCK, Bitterroot National Forest. A transfer of command from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Carlson) back to local unit will occur today. The fire is 17 miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT in timber and is burning on both the Bitterroot and Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forests. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

LONG BLACK COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Long Creek and Black Canyon fires, is 38 miles northeast of Pierce, ID in timber. Steep terrain and limited access continue to hamper containment efforts. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, smoldering, and isolated torching was reported.

SELWAY-SALMON COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A transfer of command from a Fire Use Management Team (Cook) back to local unit will occur today. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the El Capitan, Wapiti, Beaverjack, Reynolds and numerous other fires, is 26 miles southwest of Hamilton, MT in timber. This complex, burning on both the Salmon-Challis and Bitterroot National Forests, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Minimal fire behavior was observed. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

ROCKIN, Bitterroot National Forest. This fire is 10 miles northwest of Darby, MT in timber. Heavy fuels, steep terrain, and difficult access continue to hamper containment efforts. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering, creeping and isolated torching was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CR W	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
HEARTLAND	MT	LED	6,375	20	UNK	84	2	11	2	3	UNK	BLM
NYQUIL	MT	MCD	542	75	9/11	51	0	16	2	0	UNK	FWS
THUNDER MOUNTAIN	MT	LCF	102	UNK	10/10	5	0	0	1	0	16K	FS
SIGNAL ROCK	MT	BRF	13,327	15	UNK	134	3	0	2	0	3.7M	FS
LONG BLACK COMPLEX	ID	CWF	2,160	10	UNK	130	5	2	2	0	2.4M	FS
SELWAY-SALMON COMPLEX - WFU	MT	BRF	35,720	N/A	N/A	40	0	1	1	0	953K	FS
ROCKIN	MT	BRF	6,869	50	10/21	3	0	0	1	0	1.8M	FS
HAZARD LAKE – WFU	MT	LCF	5,120	N/A	N/A	37	0	0	3	0	781K	FS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

VOLCAN, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Monte Vista Unit. A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Kerrigan) is assigned. A transfer of command back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. This fire is two miles north of Julian, CA in grass and timber understory. A high number of snags continue to hamper containment efforts. Increased fire behavior due to burning snags was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
VOLCAN	CA	MVU	685	90	9/12	573	15	21	3	41	3.9M	ST

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

BLACK MOUNTAIN, Worland Field Office (North Zone), Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 15 miles east of Thermopolis, Wyoming in sagebrush and grass. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
BLACK MOUNTAIN	WY	WOD	2,000	95	9/12	39	1	6	0	0	UNK	BLM

NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SQUAW CREEK	WA	NES	1,100	100	---	247	8	7	0	1	994K	ST

NES - Northeast Region, Department of Natural Resources

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: The upper trough over the West is weakening. The Northern Rockies, northern Great Basin and Wyoming will see some lingering showers with generally dry weather elsewhere. Along the Gulf Coast, it will be mostly sunny with highs in the lower 90s.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<p>Northern Rockies Upper level trough moving east across geographic area will produce isolated showers and partly to mostly cloudy skies. Snow showers possible over higher terrain. Temperatures will remain below normal.</p>	<p>West of divide: 55 to 65. East of divide: 60 to 70. North Dakota: 65 to 75.</p>	<p>West of divide: 35 to 50%. East of divide: 35 to 45%. North Dakota: 35 to 45%.</p>	<p>West of divide: West 5 to 10 mph. East of divide: Variable 5 mph. North Dakota: Variable 5 mph.</p>
<p>Southern California Morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys and coastal mountain foothills, otherwise mostly sunny, except partly cloudy with isolated afternoon showers and thunderstorms over the Sierra.</p>	<p>65 to 80 mountains. 75 to 85 valleys. 80 to 90 upper deserts. 90 to 102 lower deserts.</p>	<p>20 to 35%.</p>	<p>Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.</p>
<p>Eastern Great Basin Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy west, mostly cloudy east. Scattered rain showers, snow in the mountains. Northern Utah: Partly cloudy with isolated showers and dry thunderstorms. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Mostly sunny.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 40 to 63 mountains, 53 to 70 valleys. Northern Utah: 53 to 71 mountains, 63 to 78 valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: 59 to 74 mountains, 64 to 89 valleys, 91 to 96 Lake Mead area.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 30 to 70% mountains, 26 to 45% valleys. Northern Utah: 30 to 55% mountains, 23 to 38% valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: 20 to 36% mountains, 11 to 32% valleys.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: West 10 mph. Northern Utah: West 10 to 25 mph. Gusts up to 30 mph west of the Wasatch Mountains. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Southwest 15 to 30 mph.</p>
<p>Western Great Basin Morning showers in the northeast, clearing during the day. Otherwise, mostly sunny skies.</p>	<p>North valleys: 68 to 78. South valleys: 75 to 92. Mountains: 53 to 75.</p>	<p>North valleys: 18 to 25%. South valleys: 11 to 16%. Mountains: 16 to 35%.</p>	<p>West to northwest at 5 to 12 mph with afternoon gusts 20 to 30 mph.</p>



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

EXTREME FIRE BEHAVIOR

Extreme fire behavior has always been present in cases of shelter deployment. It is critical for firefighters to maintain situational awareness of live and dead fuel moisture conditions as well as predicted and current weather conditions. As fire behavior changes, it is critical to act decisively to the changing situation.

● Discuss the following indicators of extreme fire behavior:

- Relative humidity less than 15%
- 1-hour fuel moisture less than 5%
- Trees crowning inside the fireline
- Smoldering fires that exist in the early part of the day are beginning to burn very actively as the day progresses.
- Approaching thunderheads with dark clouds beneath
- Presence of dust devils indicating an unstable atmosphere
- Increased spotting
- Sudden calm
- High clouds moving fast in direction different from surface wind
- Predicted Haines Index of 5 and 6 in those areas where this level is a good indicator of atmospheric instability

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					4	3	7
	ACRES					2	0	2
Northern California	FIRES					13	7	20
	ACRES					58	3	61
Southern California	FIRES		3			11	1	15
	ACRES		3			18	0	21
Northern Rockies	FIRES					3	3	6
	ACRES					0	7	7
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					12	307	319
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						9	9
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	1			2	2	7
	ACRES	0	0			2	0	2
Eastern Area	FIRES					19	4	23
	ACRES					4	51	55
Southern Area	FIRES					32	6	38
	ACRES					212	28	240
TOTAL	FIRES	2	4	0	0	86	32	124
	ACRES	0	3	0	0	308	405	716

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	96	59	16	388	21	584
	ACRES	4	1,850,279	1,636,861	3,409	847,173	336	4,338,062
Northwest	FIRES	162	228	25	31	1,227	794	2,467
	ACRES	27,945	41,262	5,787	121	71,262	98,372	244,749
Northern California	FIRES	130	30	10	15	1,642	373	2,200
	ACRES	213	24,896	14	101	22,859	4,612	52,695
Southern California	FIRES	37	109	13	46	2,118	556	2,879
	ACRES	962	5,325	136	73,814	32,178	8,663	121,078
Northern Rockies	FIRES	478	46	29	11	594	596	1,754
	ACRES	20,218	3,636	3,797	25	27,119	54,477	109,272
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	49	634	11	31	617	494	1,836
	ACRES	27,490	652,459	25	626	112,125	63,278	856,003
Western Great Basin	FIRES	6	441	19	24	93	106	689
	ACRES	27	981,531	13,312	258	112,195	8,755	1,116,078
Southwest	FIRES	1,519	344	37	51	1,273	1,467	4,691
	ACRES	34,202	158,783	9,634	364	129,752	416,381	749,116
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	277	455	30	21	527	465	1,775
	ACRES	6,864	7,615	553	25	25,544	22,942	63,543
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	50	9,671	537	10,889
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	953	66,733	8,233	84,765
Southern Area	FIRES	213		176	37	17,213	494	18,133
	ACRES	26,883		34,504	2,474	227,465	11,924	303,250
TOTAL	FIRES	3,470	2,383	445	333	35,363	5,903	47,897
	ACRES	151,922	3,725,786	1,706,355	82,170	1,674,405	697,973	8,038,611

Ten Year Average Fires	65,424
Ten Year Average Acres	4,408,001

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				150			150
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	150	0	0	150

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	18	99	82	3		210	412
	ACRES	5,651	12,769	3,981	265		17,977	40,643
Northern California	FIRES	12	21	140	25		169	367
	ACRES	188	1,101	25,025	2,720		18,439	47,473
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	5	14		79	104
	ACRES	1,000	282	408	2,933		6,819	11,442
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7	28	99	3	31	256	424
	ACRES	415	3,244	22,053	22	2,131	31,671	59,536
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	20	5	3	11	44	84
	ACRES	1	6,082	1,459	31	163	12,276	20,012
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12	10			2	24
	ACRES		6,297	2,711			2,903	11,911
Southwest	FIRES	8	47	2	10		257	324
	ACRES	6,342	51,790	3,210	15,014		65,997	142,353
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	2,047	113	16	21	104	2,330
	ACRES	3,709	13,574	21,606	10,342	2,526	31,119	82,876
Eastern Area	FIRES	41		468	36	1,098	145	1,788
	ACRES	17,625		68,181	4,423	69,501	35,835	195,565
Southern Area	FIRES	34		157	58	404	1,112	1,765
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	270,630	900,428	1,316,664
TOTAL	FIRES	151	2,279	1,081	168	1,569	2,378	7,626
	ACRES	42,111	95,139	232,192	90,618	345,577	1,123,464	1,929,101

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2	13			15
	ACRES			27,225	141,624			168,849
Northwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				2		36,750	36,752
Northern California	FIRES				2		5	7
	ACRES				1		1	2
Southern California	FIRES				12		14	26
	ACRES				8,690		2,158	10,848
Northern Rockies	FIRES				11		76	87
	ACRES				55		63,095	63,150
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				3		89	92
	ACRES				166		75,514	75,680
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8		1			9
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES	1			2	1	35	39
	ACRES	3,680			9,308	5	105,868	118,861
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		34		5	2	9	50
	ACRES		2,593		1	1,762	1,916	6,272
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIRES	1	42	2	63	3	229	340
	ACRES	3,680	2,594	27,225	163,628	1,767	285,302	484,196

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES LAST WEEK	HECTARES LAST WEEK	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia			906	34,727
Yukon Territory			82	187,438
Alberta			1,248	60,507
Northwest Territory			259	202,989
Saskatchewan			320	213,523
Manitoba			245	72,678
Ontario			1,725	42,212
Quebec			1,271	831,680
Newfoundland			139	21,429
New Brunswick			289	282
Nova Scotia			271	504
Prince Edward Island			10	42
National Parks			88	36,326
Total			6,853	1,704,340

Weekly reports will be provided starting 9/7/05.

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	4	11	8	12	2	2	1		14	107
Northern California	5		5		2	1	3			
Southern California	2	14		21	4	2	4		2	97
Northern Rockies	16		26	19	13	7	3		138	15
Eastern Great Basin	35	7	17	21	9	14	4		338	100
Western Great Basin	1									
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain		1	15	3					22	3
Eastern Area									9	
Southern Area							1			
Total	63	33	71	76	30	26	16	0	523	322

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